

Wycombe face sabbath day test

WANDERERS will be aiming to put on their Sunday best when they visit Bath City in the third round of the Vauxhall FA Trophy in a fortnight's time.

With Bristol Rovers playing Millwall at Twerton Park on Saturday, February 22, groundsharers Bath will entertain Blues 24 hours later. Wycombe drew 1-1 at Twerton Park in January, and manager Martin O'Neill said: "It was a very hard game. They deserved a draw."

Of the third round pairing against a side seven games unbeaten, he said: "It's hard. Their recent record is very good."

In the other ties, Colchester, having overcome Merthyr Tydfil in Tuesday night's replay by the only goal in their

two games, entertain Morecombe, one of three HFS Loans sides through to the last 16. Kettering have a tough trip to Marine, while Farnborough must visit Redbridge Forest.

Record

A record Adams Park crowd of 5,801 witnessed Wycombe's defeat of Woking last Saturday, which surpassed the gate of 5,695 for the FA Cup second round tie against Peterborough in December 1990, and also set a new Trophy record for a game outside of the final and semi finals.

Woking displayed the qualities which have seen them race to the top of the Diadora League while enjoying

two superb FA Cup runs in the past 18 months. "There's a good camaraderie in the Woking team," said O'Neill. "Their FA Cup matches have given them a never-say-die attitude. We won't face many tougher games this season. But I could have written the script for you beforehand, Woking are on such a high."

"They would have no problem in the Conference. They would be genuine challengers next season."

O'Neill pointed out: "We could have been three up before Woking woke up," and added: "I thought we defended well."

Vauxhall FA Trophy third round draw: Northwich v Macclesfield; Redbridge v Farnborough; Colchester v Morecombe; Witton v Stalybridge; Telford v Gateshead; Marine v Kettering; Bath v Wycombe; Yeovil v Kidderminster.

